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THE PROMISED MESSIAH

The Promised Messiah Day was observed by the Ahmadiyya Jamaats all over the world on the 23rd of March—that was the day in 1889 when the Baiat was taken by him.

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MALFOOZAT

TRUE REPENTANCE

WHICH is the day better and more blessed than even Friday and the Eids ? Let me tell you that day a is the day of one's repentance ; this day is better than all these (Friday and Eid days) days It is better than every Eid. It is so because on this day the record of evil deeds which continues carrying the man towards the hell and brings him under the wrath of God and thus ruins him, is washed away and his sins are forgiven. The fact is that no other dav can be a day of greate happiness and a day of Eid which rescuses him from the eternal hell and everlasting wrath of God. The sinner who was away from God and was under His wrath now comes nearer to His grace and gets farther away from the hell and the wrath of God. God says in the Holy Quran ***Innallaha Yohibbut Tawwabeen wa Yohibbul Mota-tahhireen*** that is, verily God befriends those who repent and loves those who want to be purified. This verse does not only show that God loves those who repent, it also shows that real repentance brings purification and piety as well. It is of vital importance to get away from all sorts of dirt ; the mere repetition of the word 'repentance' means nothing and produces no results.

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From HAZRAT'S TALKS

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III left Rabwah on the 10th of February and having stayed in Karachi and some of the Estates in Sind, returned to Rabwah on the 8th of March.

On his first day in Karachi he spent quite some time with the members of the Jamaat after the Maghrib and Isha prayers.

The theme of his talk was the Islamic society and he told the audience that one of the beauties of the Islamic society 'is that it teaches —and encourages—the people to live simple lives.' He said, "The Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, is reported to have said "*maa ana minal mutakallifeen*" and his simple life was the most attractive example of it. If our Jamaats also adopt simple life and do not go into undue formalities—cooking food for all those who attend—they would be able to hold more Jalsas than they do at present. Some people think that if they do not arrange for the food of all those who attend the Jalsa, it would degrade them in the eyes of others. If this idea is uprooted, Jalsas can be held in every town and every village."

Huzur said, "I have come to Karachi (on tour) after eleven years. That means that the children of tender age at the time of my last tour have now grown up to be young men of sixteen to seventeen years. The responsibilities of the Jamaat have in this respect increased in dimensions. The responsibilities of the young men have also become manifold. They have to live a competetive life and try all they can to supercede others by moving faster and rising higher. Their faith must be altogether unadultrated and their actions must be in full conformity with the teachings of Islam. They must keep the example of the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, before their eyes and they should love everyone and be the enemies of none. They should strive hard to remove the troubles and tribulations of all and they themselves should never be the cause of trouble for anyone whoever he might be. This is Islam and this is Ahmadiyyat and every young Ahmadi should know—and realise—that this is the programme of his life."

Books for Youth

Continuing his talk on this very subject Huzur drew the attention of the Jamaat towards writing books for the children and for the young men and women. These books, he said, should be simple and brief and they should contain the historical incidents connected with the sincerity and sacrifices of the Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. These books should show the love that the Companions, may God be pleased with them, had for the Holy Prophet and the kind of difficulties which they had to undergo to keep themselves steady in their faith. Let everyone know that des-

cription of these incidents is not to indulge in intellectual luxury, these incidents are described to increase our own faith and to try to be as near those great men as we can."

Huzur further said, "One of the reasons why such books should be written is that since the whole world has to become unified, the whole world should be made to know these things."

Talking about publicity Huzur remarked that Islam had forbidden the publicity of evil deeds. It is through the publicity of evil deeds that evil spreads, he said. He cited the examples of Europe and America where evil has gone beyond control. Huzur said, "Since the people in those countries continue publicizing the evil, the citizens have become indifferent to it and the result is that evil is rampant there now. Islam has instructed to produce four witnesses ; it is to curb the evil and the publicity about the evil. This also should be noted that Islam does not permit any derogatory talk about others. It also does not allow suspicion and incrimination. In fact whatever spoils the pleasantness of the atmospher is forbidden by Islam. Thus it can be said that the first thing that Islam has uprooted through its teachings is quarrels among the peoples. It enjoins on all of us to live very amicably. And for this, Islam has given definite instructions to be followed."

Huzur said, "The time has come for the Jamaat to become alert and make up its mind that it will not let anybody quarrel ; it will see to it that the mutual dealings are always straightforward"

Who's Honourable

The most honourable in this world, Huzur said is the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam—and his religion. Everything can be sacrificed for the religion that Holy Prophet brought for the good of mankind. So far as the teachings of this religion are concerned they give honour to all except those who would like to degrade themselves. He cited the examples of the castes, that is, how Islam has uprooted the idea of caste system. Nobody can be said to be lower than anyother person simply because he belongs to one caste or the other. Whether somebody is a cobbler or a weaver, what difference does it make to his humanity. The Holy Quran tells us that God commanded the Holy Prophet to proclaim to the whole world—till the ending of this world—that *innama ana basharum mislokum* that is, so far as humanity is concerned, I am just like you. This proclamation brings all the human beings to a position of respect and honour.

At another place in the Holy Quran God says that if you wish to attain to love (i.e. if you like that I should love you) you should follow the Holy Prophet. That also puts all the people on the same pedestal, for, whosoever would follow the Holy Prophet he would become the beloved of God. It does not restrict anyone of any profession that can be considered to be derogatory ; what is really derogatory is that somebody should take something to be evil while God says that it is not.

Huzur exhorted the members of the Jamaat to live and uproot the social evils that they

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are find around them. "Unless we prepared to do that we cannot spread Islam all over the world," he said.

Strive for Excellence

On the 12th of February, Huzur gave audience to the members of the Jamaat after the Maghrib and Isha prayers. He exhorted them to try all they could to do everything with the whole of their heart and produce the best of the results. He said, "If you are rearing animals, you should feed them well and look after them with full care, so that they are healthy and robust and can be put to good use That is how the nation can get good meat—which is a must for good morals also. The Hazrat Masih Mauood has laid stress on the fact that food plays a great role in the development of morals and spiritual elevation. The unwholesome food does not only affect the health it affects the morals as well."

Huzur also advised the members of the Jamaat not to shoot the birds when it is the season for their reprocreation ; even the Government makes it an offence in such days.

Since everything has been created in this Uuiverse for the human beings, Huzur said it was the duty of all of us to make research and to try to discover new secrets of life and growth.

As for God-realisation Huzur remarked that it really meant that the people should try to know the Person and the attributes of God, the Great. For the more we know the more we can be benefited by the laws that He has made for this Universe. He cited the example of the crops and the clouds and told them that although man had to struggle for the produce, it was really the grace of God that went a long way to bring about the results. He who knows this fact must necessarily be grateful to God for whatever he gets as a result of the efforts that he makes.

Huzur advised the members of the Jamaat never to ignore any young man whatever his apparent weakresses. "You do not know the talents he might be possessing and the good that he might be capable of doing when the time is ripe for him" he said. He exhorted the Jamaat to treat the youth with great kindness and courtesy, and told them that the best way of training is to effect it with kind word, for, he who is not kind has no right to be harsh when the occasion really and truly demands. He cited the instance of a number of young Ahmadis who were not considered to be very good before the partition of the country ; when at the time of partition everybody was in trouble, it is these young people who sacrificed all they had—even lives, in some cases—to protect the lives of the people and the honour of the Community.

On the 13th of February, Huzur said after the Maghrib and Isha Prayers that such nations made progress in the world as tried to understand their position and this is why, he said, "I tell all the Ahmadis to understand their position. They must realise the task that has been assigned to them and the way they have to accomplish it. They should also try to realise the high status of the person in whose hand they have given their hand, by way of initiation.

Hazrat Masih Mauood

Huzur said, "Although there have been millions of people who,

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influenced by the spiritual aspect of Holy Prophet's life, attained to great heights in the realm of religion, but it is only one person about whom the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, made a prophecy and sent his personal greetings to him. He gave a promise to the Muslims that that person would bring the faith from the skies and the sun and the moon would eclipse in his time. He also said that this person would bring mankind back into the light of Islam and through cogent arguments and heavenly signs he would prove the superiority of Islam over all other religions.

Huzur said, "That Reformer has appeared; he is the Hazrat Masih Mauood. He attained to this high rank through his intense love for God and for the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. He started his services to Islam through continued effort and constant prayers, through his speeches and writings and laid the foundations of the supermacy of Islam, the like of which is not to be met with during the past fourteen centuries.

Huzur said : "Whenever God commissions someone to reform the world, He Himself helps him and creates a congenial atmosphere for the success of the person sent by Him ; He sends down His blessings. Every change that has taken place since the advent of the Hazrat Masih Mauood, whether it was big or small— has been fovourable to Movement of the Hazrat Masih Mauood. Take the example of the Russian revolution in 1917. It wiped out Christianity from a large part of the world. Christianity had presented a human being as a 'God' ; this idol was broken into pieces, but not with the sticks ; it was broken with cogent arguments, historical proofs and scientific evidence. The Promised Messiah alaihissalam had said that he would break the cross which is said to have wounded the body of Jesus alaihissalam. Indeed he proved with irrefutable proofs that Jesus had not died on the cross. The International Conference on the Deliverance of Jesus from the Cross has shaken the Christian world. The Christian Missionaries have not been able to accept the invitation that was extended to them for a dialogue on the subject. They are the people who, before the advent of the Promised Messiah alaihissalam, were of the opinion that they would wipe out Islam from India and Mecca and Medina ; they asserted that Africa was in their lap. But what to talk of India, Mecca and Medina, Africa where they had bought the people with the milk tins, sugar and clothes and scholarships, there the Ahmadiyya Missionaries with the grace of God have turned the tables.

Destiny and Plan

Huzur said, "God's destiny and His plan are now in active motion to vouchsafe supremacy to Ahmadiyyat and Islam ; the Signs of God are being manifested every moment and at all the steps. It is therefore very essential for the members of the Jamaat to be thankful to God and to realise their responsibilities and their status. They should try all they can to attain to the love of God and lead the world in all the different spheres of life. Every Ahmadi should know that he is a humble servant of God and the main object of his life is to accomplish for what the Hazrat Masih Mauood had been sent to the world. It is a very great blessing for whosoever can get it. This also should be remembered that success can be achieved only by such persons as become an excellent model for the people and improves the society

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on the lines of Islamic social structure."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said : " is a very beautiful religion. It carries the man from the earth and takes him to the skies God says that He has given everything to man so that he may be able to achieve spiritual heights with the consequence that he may become grateful to Him. He also says that man should make sacrifices in His cause and he should do so with full under standing of the fact that whatever he spends in My name has actually been given to him by Me."

Huzur cited the examples of the Holy Prophet's companions who were tortured by the enemies to the extent that they were made the target of the swords. But whenever the Holy Prophet called on them, they readily came forward to make all sorts of sacrifices ; they did not care for the lack of means. Whatever they had they brought forth for the use by the Holy Prophet in the cause of God. Huzur told the Jamaat that it were these people. whom we had to take as our model. Huzur drew the attention of the Jamaat to the fact that as stated in the Holy Quran, God wishes some of the people to raise them high but they go downward. He said, "The way we see the Jamaat progressing is a clear sign of the fact that God wishes the Jamaat to be raised high—to the heights of the skies—and anyone who wishes to go downward, it will be nothing less than his misfortune, for which he will be personally responsible."

He advised the Jamaat to be seeking for the forgiveness from God and His mercy. They should always be praying to God that He may grant them sincerity of the heart and enable them to make sacrifices. "This is what we have experienced that he who knocks at the door of his Creator, his prayers are always accepted and God displays His signs for him. Let the friends look around and they will be able to understand how God is dealing with the Jamaat kindly and mercifully. Let all of us live in peace, with love for one another. Let us make the society a pleasant one without any dissensions."

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The Holy Quran

Hazrat Muslih Mauood, raziyallaho anho, says in his Tafsir-i-Kabir (Commentary on the Holy Quran): Bismillah refers to present tense, Rahman to the past tense and Raheem to the future tense. These words put together show that whatever a man does, it is linked with the destiny of God. Bismillah points to a small planning, that is, man says that I am going to begin this thing with the help of God. In other words it is his intention that makes him say 'I am going to begin this thing with the help of God.'

The next stage is that of Rahmaniyyat which is purely a part of God that only He has to play. So far as Rahimiyyat is concerned, man also plays some part in it, but the unlimited result is produced by God. All this shows that this world works by putting the destiny and the plan together and both these are so interlinked that they cannot be separated at all.

Of course as the man progresses in his relations with God, the situation begins to change. The more perfect the faith, the greater the part of destiny and the lesser is the need for planning—or the effect of planing. Just as Rahmaniyyat purely belongs to God, so also as the man gets nearer to Him, he finds that destiny plays a greater part in his life, and planning takes the back-seat. Of course it does not mean that he does not plan, he does make his plans but the results are much greater and more significant than the plan itself which goes to show (rather to prove) that God has played a greater part.

God says in the Holy Quran—and it points to the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam: Maa ramaita is ramaita wa lakinnallaha ramaa. The Holy Prophet sallahlho alaihi wa sallam, picked up a handful of gravel and threw it in the face of the enemy but the result of it was much more than a handful of gravel could ordinarily produce. Even if ten thousand persons had thrown a handful of gravel each the result would not have been as great as really was by the Holy Prophet throwing that handful of gravel. As soon as he threw this handful of gravel, a thousand experienced warriors became useless. There is no doubt about it that the gravel was thrown by the Holy Prophet but when he had thrown it God said, now it is upto Me to produce its results'. Wind was needed to carry the gravel to the enemies and God ordered the wind to blow And of course if only one handful had to work, it could be blown into the eyes of a few people. But that is not what happened. The wind blew very fast and the handful of gravel became a lot, for, the sand of the whole place began to fly into their faces. In addition to the handful of gravel, God sent billions of pebbles to work. (Tafsir-i-Kabir Vol. vi, page 133).

(This is how the nearer a man goes to God, the greater becomes the part that God plays after the planning of the man.)

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Hadees

Hazrat Sauban, raziyallaho anho, who was a slave freed by the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, narrates that the Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam said, "The best spending is that which a mam makes for his family or for the pet animals or for those who are his companions in the way of Jihad."

These three aspects of spending include all the important people who should be looked after. The first responsibility of everybody is his people at home i.e. members of the family and of course it can be said that the second part of the family membership constitutes of those who are kept at home as pet animals. We are responsible for their feeding and lodging and this also we know that they are not in a position to ask for the fulfilment of their needs.

Outside and away from home those who deserve our help are the people who are spending their lives for the betterment of the world. They go about doing things that would bring the people nearer to God; they strive for the reformation of their fellow-beings and they are not having enough time for earning their livelihood as all others do. Thus, it becomes our duty—or as the Hadees tells us, it is the best thing—to spend for them out of our earnings.

May God enable all of us to spend our money in the best possible way.

Reading the Holy Quran for the dead

The Hazrat Masih Mauood, peace be on him, was asked if the deceased was rewarded by God if people gave charity on his behalf and read the Holy Quran for him. The Promised Messiah said; The deceased is rewarded for the charity given on his behalf. So far as reading the Holy Quran on behalf of the dead is concerned it has no support from the Holy Prophet. Instead of that, we should pray for the deceased. So far as giving charity on behalf of the deceased and praying for him is concerned it has been the pracrice of one hundred and twentyfour thousand prophets. But tha charity is far better which a man gives with his own hands because by doing so he actually proves that he is full of faith.

NONENTITY

Pull it down
The glittering glamorous crown
Of fame
That men of biggish name,
From various walks and ways
With pompous nights and boisterous days
Have placed on my uncanny head
Which is full of dread
That it might make me lose
My senses that let me choose
The good from the bad;
How very sad!

Let me roll
In the dusty soil of my soul
And fill my nights and days
With glamorous rays
Of inward thinking shots
That are no more than dashes and dots
I wish that none could know
My thoughts that come and go
My name is never spelt
And I can melt
Into the thinnest air
And reach-I do not know, where.

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RABWAH DIARY

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The Government Ta'alimul Islam College, Rabwah, has won the championship of the Intercollegiate Punjab University Tournament. There were twenty teams in the field which competed for this honour.

The Rabwah team defeated the Government College in the Semi-final and the University Law College in the Finals.

Four of the players of the Talim-ul-Islam College Rabwah have now been selected to play for the Punjab University in the Inter-University Basket Ball championship, Peshawar.

Muslih Mauood Day

The Public Meeting on the occasion of the Muslih Mauood Day which could not be held on the 20th of February, at Rabwah, was held on the 6th of March. It was presided over by Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah (Markaziyya).

The Gathering was addressed by Maulana Bashrat Ahmad Bashir, Maulana Noor Ahmad Muneer and Maulana Mohammad Ismail Dialghari. Some poets recited their poems relevant to the celebrations.

The subjects of the Addresses were : The Background of the Prophecy about the Muslih Mauood ; the service that the Muslih Mauood rendered to the Holy Quran (in the form of its commentaries and explanation of quite difficult points ; The Status of the Muslih Mauood.

In his closing remarks, Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad said that the prophecy about the Muslih Mauood had many aspects and all of them were full of meanings and most beautiful. It is the beauty of this prophecy that is drawing a large number of people to the Ahmadiyya Movement, he said.

He drew the attention of the Gathering to the fact that the living nations do not h ld this kind of Days as a mere formality. They remind themselves of the lesson that can be derived from talking about the great people. "Today all of us should try to find out if we are doing what was expected of us by the Muslih Mauood, and if we are not doing all that, we should make up our minds that we will not leave any stone unturned to come up to the standard. Two things which I should particularly like to point out are : 1) self reformation and that means that all of us should analyse ourselves and try to find out how much of improvement is effected in us ; (2) reformation of the society and here we should look around ourselves and find out what could be done and how much is really being done by us. These two things were very dear to the Muslih Mauood. Today being the Muuslih Mauood, Day, it is our bounden duty to ponder over these things.

The closing silent prayer was led by Sufi Ghulam Mohammad, a Companion of the Hazrat Masih Mauood.

Lajna Imaillah

Miss Salima Qamar, M.A. reports that the Lajna Imaillah, Rabwah observed the Muslih Mauood Day

with a General Meeting presided over by Hazrat Sadr Sahiba, Lajna Markaziyya on the 6th of March. The subjects dealt with by the speakers were : The background of the Prophecy and its significance ; Life sketch of the Muslih Mauood ; The Prophecy and our responsibilities.

In her closing remarks the Chairperson impressed the importance of the Prophecy on the audience, especially in connection with our relationship with our Creator.

She also announced the result of the Scholarship Test on the occasion of the Ijtima and awarded Rs. 600/- to Amatul Basit Tahira, as the Nusrat Jahan Begum Scholarship and Rs. 370/- to Naila Rosy as the Nawab Mubaraka Begum Scholarship.

A silent prayer brought the meeting to a close.

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OBITUARY

It is announced with great regret that three members of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Lahore—Mr. Zahir Ahmad Khan, Mr Jawad Rashid Khan and Khawaja I'jaz Ahmad-succumbed to their injuries which they had in a car accident on the 8th which March ravelling from Lahore to Rabwah. Their Mission was a sacred one and all of them had been very good and active workers of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Mr. Zahir Ahmad Khan first became an office bearer of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya while he had just matriculated and had joined the College for his Faculty of Arts, in Sukhar. On his arrival in Lahore in 1977 he was first appointed as Nazim Atfal and then the District Qaid. He was a friend of friends and a jolly fellow who always liked to put others in front and give them all the cooperation they needed.

Mr. Jawad Rashid Khan was Naib Qaid. He also had been actively participating in the activities of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya from the very student days. He had set up a good standard of service to the Community and was ever present at all the important functions.

Khawaja I'Jaz Ahmad was Nazim Atfal. From his very childhood his father-who is himself a very active member of the Community—kept him engaged in the Jamaat activities. He became a member of the Executive of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Lahore in 1975 and since then he had been one of the most useful and most easily available members of the Majlis.

The Janaza of these three martyrs was brought to Rabwah where the prayer was led by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III who also helped to lay them in the graves.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon.

We send our heart feet condolences to the members of the families of the three departed brothers of ours and also to the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Lahore. May they rest in peace and may God grant patience to the bereaved families.

Horse—Racing Tournament

Horse racing tournament was held at Rabwah on the 19th to 21st of March Ch. Nasir Ahmad of Chak 74 South, while inaugurating the tournament said, "The object of this tournament is that the Ahmadi horsemen should be able to use this skill of theirs in the onward march of Islam and its supremacy all over the world ; they should be able to carry the message of the Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam to every town and every village."

Ch. Nasir had scored the first position in the last tournament and in accordance with the instruction of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih that whosoever scores the highest marks should inaugurate the tournament for the next year, he was asked to do so.

Dilating on the objects of this tournament, Ch. Nasir Ahmad said that they had no worldly aims in mind ; it was purely a religious and spiritual exercise. "We live for God and everything we do is devoted to His cause. Our rearing of the horses and putting them to races is also for the sake of God. The Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, described the horses as auspicious and God has also sworn by the greatness of or the riders of the horses.

The tournament continued for three days. On the last day, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III addressed the Function and advised the members of the Jamaat to rear the horses because the Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam did so. We love the Holy Prophet and we would like to do whatever he did.

Huzur also distributed the prizes among the winners in various items.

Huzur said, "There are blessings of God linked with the horses. The way the Holy Prophet thought of receiving these blessings was a great step. The result is that wherever a book might be written on horses, it must contain the name of the Holy Prophet who reared them in the most excellent way The Arabian horses have very great qualities, for example, some of them can carry on their race for long distances without taking anything, it is because the Muslims also do not hanker after foods."

Huzur further remarked that the Arabs used to keep the horses like their own children and the horses were also tamed in a way that even if a small child was made to ride them it would be quite safe.

History tells us that Moscow (of today) was the capital of a Province ruled by Amir Tamerlane and it was five to six hundred miles away from Seat of Tamerlane. The horses used to run these distances everyday.

In the end Huzur led a silent prayer that God may enable all the Ahmadis to rear horses and to love them.

The report of the tournament was presented by Mr. Mohammad Din Naz, the Chairman of the Horse Racing Committee. He told the audience that ninety two horses took part in the tournament.

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MESSAGES FOR GHANA

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Assalamo Alaikum.

I am indeed very happy to know that you are holding your Annual conference on the 10th January and pray for its success

On this occasion I remind you of your great responsiblities as Ahmadis and urge you to carry them out sincerely, earnestly and with devotion. Your first and foremost duties are to Allah. Hold fast to the rope of Allah, humble yourselves to your Creator and try to live according to the Quran. Never forget that our lives are meaningless if we do not have the love of Allah; and the only way we can win His love is by following the Holy Prophet Mohammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with love and devotion.

Your second duty is to Man. You are raised for the benefit of mankind. All your thoughts and all your actions should be geared to this purpose. Each one of you should strive hard to develop all his or her Godgiven faculties to their potential and then use them in the service of your fellow beings. It is difficult but it can be done. It would be done by you, by all of us, if we would seek the help of Allah, submit to Him totally and become His true servants.

I would end this message with my sincerest prayers for you. May Allah make you true Ahmadies and grant you all that He has promised to the Mahdi (Peace be upon him) for his true followers.

Khalifatul Masih III

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It affords me very great pleasure to know that you are holding your Annual Conference I pray to God that He may shower His blessings on your deliberations and enable you to think, talk, and act in the overall interest of Islam. As you know the Ahmadiyya Jamaat has a very great responsibility which God has laid on its shoulders in connection with the establishment of the Sharia of Islam all over the world. All of us have to join hands and work like a team for the achievement of its objective. I should therefore like to advise you to put in your efforts to the best of your abilities, move forward hand in hand with praises of God and fervant prayers on your lips, and deliver the message of to every soul in all the nooks and corners of the world.

I should like to draw your attention to the need for publication and distribution of literature. Your Jamaat is very lucky to have been enabled to publish the Holy Quran. May God bless all of you for this great service and may He enable you to continue rendering this kind of service not only to your country but to the whole mankind.

It must be remembered that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is out to serve mankind in all the aspects of life and we have to keep ourselves ever prepared for any little good that we can do to anyone whoever he might be. The standard of our educational institutions and health centres must continue to rise high so that we can fully meet the needs of suffering humanity.

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MISSION ACTIVITIES

The Holy Quran presented to Estoria Hotel, Liberia

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A delegation of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat headed by Maulana Ata-ul-Karim Shahid presented copies of the Holy Quran to Estoria Hotel to be kept in all the rooms of the Hotel. The gift was received by Mr. Jamil Ali Eid. Mr. Eid was told that the translation was made by a most scholarly panel of the Ahmadi Ulema and the edition that he was being presented was printed by the Mission in Ghana. Maulana Ata-ul-Karim Shahid expressed the hope that all those staying in the rooms, for whatever period of time they would, were sure to find the copies of the Holy Quran gratifying.

Mr. Eid was very glad to receive the gift and thanked the Mission, which he said, was doing great service to all over the world.

Maulana Shahid also reports that the Managers of the other hotels where the Holy Quran has been given for the rooms have expressed a pleasant difficulty : they say the visitors are not fully satisfied with just having the Holy Quran for a day or two ; they want to possess copies of it permanently. Indeed that is what everybody would like to do.

Prayers are requested for the workers and the members of the Mission in Liberia that God may enable them strive still harder and reward them abundantly

Pronouncement of the Hazrat Masih Mauood

Sacrificial slaughtering of rams

A certain Ahmadi told the Hazrat Masih Mauood, that he had only small amount with him and had given it to some other people to take a share in the sacrificial slaughtering. But the people to whom he had given that money had returned it on the ground that he being an Ahmadi would not be allowed to join them. He, then, asked if he could send that money for the Poor Fund at Qadian and whether that would tantamount to his slaughtering a ram or not.

The Hazrat Masih, Mauood, said : So far as sacrificial slaughtering is concerned it has to be done by slaughtering an animal. Giving something to the Poor Fund cannot take the place of sacrificial slaughtering. If you have enough of mony you should buy an animal to slaughter. But if you haven't, this sacrificial slaughtering is not obligatory for you.

Singapore and Malaysia

Mr Mohyiddin Shah of Indonesia says that he left for Singapore on the 19th of October, on a month long tour. There he started taking "Preaching class" so that young as well as old members of the Jamaat could be better equipped for preaching activities. This class was attended by 30 to 35 students who took very keen interest in their lessons which was quite apparent from the fact that every day's class work was followed by a session of questions and answers. At times, these questions centred round the administrative aspect of the Jamaat.

In addition to this class Mr. Mohyiddin also took Quranic class for ten days and the most attractive aspect of his teaching effort was that Mr. Mohyiddin took pains to go to some houses to give lessons.

Having finished his work in Singapore, Mr. Mohyiddin left for Kualalumpur. He says that the Mosque in Kuala—Lumpur is at some distance from the house of members of the Jamaat but inspite of this fact the members showed great interest in his classes at the Mosque. In order to make things easy for those who would like to join the class the timing of the class was fixed as two hours after the Isha Prayer,

Mr. and Mrs Zainul Abideen had just returned after the performance of Hajj and as a token of thanks-giving they held a get—together where non-members were also invited. Mr. Mohyiddin availed of this opportunity by talking to all those who were present, on various aspects of Islam,

On the 19th of November he reached Saba and stationed himself at the Headquearters Kina Balun where he participated in the Annual Conference held on 25th-28th December.

It is of interest to note that the landed propery (Mission House) here was donated by the late Dr. Badruddin Ahmad.

On the 1st of January Mr. Mohyiddin left for Labohan where he had the opportunity of praying at the grave of the late Maulana Ghulam Hussain Ayaz.

He found Labohan very receptive to the message of Ahmadiyyat and he hopes that with the grace of God we will have a sizeable Jamaat here very soon, Insha Allah.

In the end Mr. Mohyiddin has requested friends to pray for him as well as for all the workers of the Jamaat that God may enable them to put in their best services and He may produce the best of the results. Amen.

Report on Seeratun Nabi Day held at Boajibu SierraLeone

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The Ahmadiyya Primary and Secondary School Children with the Staff members marched in the Boajibu Town—singing songs in praise of the Master Prophet Mohammad (s.a.w.) Several placards with Islamic slogans were hoisted by the children. The Lawa-e-Ahmadiyyat was proudly fluttering in the hands of the Prefect who led the march. Other flags had the following writings : "
", 'Mohammad—the Greatest Prophet', ' —the Religion of

Peace". "There is no God but Allah—Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah.' The school loudspeaker fixed in my car was ahead of the long procession. Recitals from the Holy Quran, Salle ala Nabiyyena-Salle-ala Mohammadin, Arabic Songs in praise of the Holy Prophet and other inspiring slogans were constantly blaring from the loudspeaker. It was indeed a most unforgetable sight, with numerous other children voluntarily following us and the town folks giving us a tremendous cheers by waving of their hands. The Paramount Chief was so impressed that he gave cash donation to the children for their wonderful performanee.

At 8.00 p.m. in the evening, a public meeting was conducted in the N.A. Court Barri, chaired by the Paramount Chief F.A. Gamanga. The main theme of the meeting was 'The life of the Excellent Prophet Mohammad' (s.a.w). The Imam of Malikia Mosque was officially invited and he also gave a speech on 'Isra'. Other speakers included Mr. S. M. Yahya, Mr. Mubarak Nazir and some 18 school children. Some of the children gave very brilliant speeches in Mende, Creole and English. Others read from the Holy Quran.

The following children gave speeches or recitals from the Holy Quran. Girls Mubaraka Nazir, Margret Mannah, Hawa Fofanah Boys: Lamin Gbao, Mahmud Mambu, Rafiq Nazir, Ishmiru Kanneh, Bashiru Kamara.

I have great pleasure in reporting that the meeting was very successful and the Court Barri was overflowing with people. The School generator and loudspeker added further colour to the proceedings The entire staff was very co-operative. Our activities no doubt, left a very good impression on the people of this town. Pakistani ladies also attended. including the wife of the Late Maulana Nazir Ahmad Ali. The eyes of this respectable lady remained moist throughout in prayers and in contemplation of the toils and hardships encountered by the pioneers of Ahmadiyyat (May Allah reward them all. Amen)

I request you to pray for the good results of our endeavours and for all the staff and children who worked very hard to make this day—a day of Remembrance. Needless to say that the entire Ahmadiyya Jamaat was also present.

Messrs J. M. Sovula, Headmaster Ahmadiyya Primary School, R. A. Majid, M. J. Alie, M. Ashraf, and S.M. Yahpa took very active part in the activities. May Allah reward them. Amen.

Mubarak A. Nazir, Principal
Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary
School, Boajibu.

Below we reproduce an extract from a letter to Mir Mahmud Ahmad, by Mrs. Alleyya Shaheen. The letter speaks for itself.—*Editor*

Jazakumullah for your letter; it made me remember that we must be ever aware of Allah in whatever we do, whatever is realised from our humble efforts is due only to benevolence and mercy from Allah, and we in these turbulent times must constantly pray to Allah that through obedience to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and his guidance that we will overcome by doing everything in our power to carry out the programmes of Ahmadiyyat and be more sympha-

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thetic to mankind and portray in our actions the beauties of the teachings of Islam in our every day lives so that people will be more succeptible to accepting the Holy Quran from us. I am constantly praying that Allah will help me to find ways and means to place the Holy Quran in hands and places that will be fruitful.

May Allah continue to help you with the tremendous task that we have here in America.

Jalsa in Sierra Leone

Maulvi Mohammad Siddiq Shahid, Amir and Missionary in charge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Sierra Leone has cabled a message to say that the 30th Annual Conference of the Mission was held very successfully. It was attended by the members of the Mission, well wishers of the Jamaat from among the Paramount Chiefs, Leaders of the Muslim Organisations and Ministers of State.

Alhaji the Hon. M. S. Mustafa, Minister of State, expressed great appreciation for the spiritual and social leadership of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. As usual, he admired the activities of the Mission in the fields of preaching, education and health and urged the other Muslim Organisations to follow suit.

The Messages of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-Aala and Vakil-ut-Tabshir were read out which urged the members of the Jamaat to serve sincerely and make all the necessary preparations for the speedy onward march of , especially in view of the fact that the second century of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, which is the century of the supremacy of Islam, was about to dawn.

The women section also held their Jalsa in a separate premises.

The students of the Ahmadiyya Schools entertained the participants of the Jalsa with football and other physical exercises.

Thirty persons from various parts of the country joined the Jamaat on this auspicious occasion.

The News media was kind enough to give large scale publicity to the proceedings of the Jalsa.

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In the end I pray to God that all the prayers that the Hazrat Masih, Mauood, offered to Almighty Allah for the participants of the Jalsa Salana at the Headquarters may also be accepted for the participants of your Annual Conference.

Please convey my hearty greetings to all the members of the Jamaat all over Ghana and also to all other mutual friends.

God be with you and bless you. Amen!

(Signed. Mirza Mubarak Ahmad)
Vakil-i-Aala and Vakiluttabshir.

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Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation
20th September, 1961

Does Islam suit the present age?

NASEEM SAIFI

Tashahud and Suratul Fatiha.

God says in the Holy Quran :

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم و اتممت
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عليكم نعمتى و رضيت لكم الاسلام دينا

"This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour on you and have chosen for you Islam as religion."

And that means that the code of religious law which started being revealed with the beginning of human race and which continued being evolved all the time came to perfection at the hands of the Holy Prophet. He was, thus, given a law which was to suit everybody, everywhere and for all the time to come And that is the fact to which reference is made in a religious scripture which says that he will abide with men for all the time. Islam is the name of that perfect code of religious law. It was suitable fourteen hundred years ago just as much as it is suitable today and just as much as it will be suitable in all the days to come.

Before going into the details of its suitability I should like to point out that what makes it suitable for all the time is its flexibility ; the variation of its instructions in accordance with all the various circumstances through which anybody is expected to pass. No rigid rules can be suitable for all the people and for all the time, for, circumstances may vary at any time. Sometimes a man is sick and he cannot do exactly as a healthy person can do. And so on and so forth. Any religion that does not have flexibility in its rules and regulations will be quite unsuitable for men in one age or the other or men in one place or the other.

The flexibility of Islam takes into consideration the changing circumstances and that is what makes this religion so suitable. We read in the Holy Quran :

لا يكلف الله نفسا الا وسعها

Allah does not burden a soul more than it can carry. And as all of us know, not all the people can carry the same burden.

Some of the things to which the people generally refer in connection with its suitability or otherwise, are five times daily prayes ; Fasts of the mon h of Ramazan : polygamy ; and till a few years back they talked of divorce. Did you take note of my words "a few years back". Yes, a few years back, Islam was ridiculed for allowing divorce. But now, things have changed. Those who ridiculed Islam, have decided to allow divorce. That is what really proves that Islam is the religion of God, and men having beaten about the bush come back to it.

As for five times daily prayers, they have a lot of flexibility in them. If you are healthy you have to make ablution and go to the mosque. If you are sick you make Tayamum and pray at home. If you have ample time, you hav to offer all the five prayers separately at their appointed time ; if you are very busy you can join Zuhr and Asr and Maghrib and Isha. Since pou have to join because you are busy, the prayer will be cut short. Ordinarily while praying you have to stand for some time but if you cannot do that, because you are sick you may sit down. If you are sick, you may pray lying down in your bed. Thus, for a man who is serious about his religion five times daily prayers can present no difficulty at all. I explained this at full length some time ago in one of my talks from this very studio. Did you hear that talk ?

Coming to the fasts, I must say that they are conditioned with one's health and ability to fast. If you are sick, you are forbidden to fast. Even if you are on a journey, you should not fast. The trouble is that the people do not try to study the various conditions laid down for the carrying out of instructions. They just think of the original instruction. Another important point in fasting is that they are to be kept in the month of Ramazan. Ramazan is a lunar month and that means that it does not appear always at one and the same time of the solar year. It continues changing the time of the year. Had that not been the case, some people would have always to fast in the summer and others in the winter. That would have certainly created difficulties for the people. But Islam is the religion of God and God does not like to place more burden on the shoulder of the people than they can carry.

Now take the case of polygamy. Some people very erroneously think that Islam has made it compulsory for every Muslim to have four wives. It is not so. The vast majority of the Muslims has only one wife. Islam has provided an opportunity to marry more than one wife, if someone stands in need of it. Justice being one of the most essential conditions for marrying more than one wife. Islam has very appropriately laid great stress on it. If no opportunity is provided for a man to marry more than one wife, the result will be as we now find in some of the Western countries where prostitution and illegitimacy has reached appalling height. Is it not better that a woman should have the satisfaction of being legal wife of a man who already has another wife, than that she should go about—well I should not like to say in what condition—you should know that.

I should like to quote two verses of the Holy Quran which refer to polygamy (4 : 3)

و ان خفتم الا تقسطوا في اليتمى فانكحوا
ماطاب لكم من النساء مثنى و ثلث و
ربع فان خفتم الا تعدلوا فواحدة او ما
ملكت ايمانكم ذلك ادنى الا تعولوا .

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"And if you fear that you cannot do justice to orphans, marry such women as seem good to you, two, or three, or four ; but if you fear that you will not do justice, then (marry) only one or that which your right hands possess. This is more Proper that you may not do injustice."

و لن تستطيعوا ان تعدلوا بين النساء
و لو حرصتم فلا تميلوا كل الميل

فتذروها كالمعلقة ، و ان تصلحوا و
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تتقوا فان الله كان غفورا رحيما ـ

'And you cannot do justice between wives, even though you wish (it), but be not disinclined (from one) with total disinclination, so that you leave her in suspense. And if you are reconciled and keep your duty, surely Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful.'

Such religions as do not permit polygamy are now being pushed out of this part of the world, In fact, they will be pushed out of the whole world, for, they are not suitable for mankind in this age. They are things of the past and must go and rest in the haven of oblivion.

Take the question of man's equality to man. That is the greatest need of today. But which religion other than Islam puts all men on the same pedestal? The Holy Quran says:

ان اكرمكم عندالله اتقكم

Verily, the most respectable in the sight of God is he who is more righteous, not who is white like snow or who is fabulously rich. This and this teaching alone can bring peace to the world. Imagine, as I was busy preparing this talk a magazine called the UNESCO Courier was brought to me along with the other mails. And what does it say. Racism is written in red on the cover which I quote:

"The Executive Board of UNESCO noting with deep concern the recrudescence of manifestations of racial hatred, antisemitism and discrimination, which have occured in the Union of South Africa leading to serious social disorders and loss of life. Recalling the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human rights and of the constitution of UNESCO, which condemn all discrimination against any person on grounds of race, religion or sex, calls upon the governmynts of all Member States to take all steps in their power to combat every form of racial discrimination, antisemitism, violence and hatred which may occur within their territories."

What a beautiful appeal. Let every Government heed it but also let every Government know that it is a religious law more than a government law that can help. That law is found in Islam. There are other things to be talked about, but I think I better stop and give you time to think.

OBITUARY

It is announced with great regret that Maulana Jalal-ud Din Qamar, a veteran Missionary of the Jamaat, lost his wife-Mrs. Majeda Begum—on 9th of March, 1980. She had been an exemplary companion of her husband on his preaching tours to various countries.

Maulana Qamar and his wife were preparing to go abroad within a few days. All the necessary arrangements had been completed, but she fell ill all of a sudden and passed away within an hour or two. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon. May she rest in peace and may God grant patience to her bereaved husband and other members of the family.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Maulana Qamar and the rest of the family of the deceased.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatohu

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You might have heard about me. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has most kindly bestowed me the honour of appointing me the honorary Imam of Ahmadiyyah Jamaat in Poland.

I have been regularly reading your monthly Tahrik-i-Jadid with great interest, of course the English part of it. In your issue of October 1979 I read with interest the article "Ahmadiyyat on the March" in which Hazrat Khalifatul Masih relates about the progress of Ahmadiyyat in European countries. In this respect, I thought you might be interested in noting the history and the present activities of Ahmadiyyat in Poland.

The history of Ahmadiyat in Poland is as old as 1937 when Mr. Ayaz Khan visited Poland. This was the result of a visit of a Polish Mufti Szynkiewisz to India where he met Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, the Second, and Huzur instructed Mr. Ayaz Khan to visit East European countries, among others Poland. He stayed here for 2 years and his articles and information about him were published in the Polish press. Sir Zafrullah Khan also visited Poland during this period.

It was in the spirit of this wish and orders of Hazrat Fazl-i-Umar that in 1979, after coming in contact with Ahmadiyyat, after the visit to Warsaw, of Mr. B. A. Rafique, and after participlation in Jalsa Salana the same year at Rabwah where I came to know these historical facts, that I started my activities in the name of Ahmadiyyat in Poland. Although the years of war and other developments afterwards discontinued the work done by Mr. Ayaz Khan but our small Jamaat in Poland now considers its mission as a continuation of the steps taken by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, and works under the present leadership and guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. This duty to materialise this testament, this wish of Hazrat Fazle Umar, is a duty for us as well as for the rest of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat without whose prayers and help we cannot go forward.

Our Jamaat is the only one in the Eastern European countries. I have had the opportunities to visit some of our West European Ahmadiyya Missions. On the one hand I was extremely happy at seeing the work they are doing for the progress of Islam but at the same time I was envious of them seeing how much opportunities and possibilities of contact, publishing etc. they have as compared with us over here. I hope you can imagine and appreciate our situation here, and the enormous difficulties and problems that we have. We are doing some translations from Ahmadi literature. We are issuing regularly a Bulletin "Al-Islam". We have established contacts with many people who are interested in Islam. They invite me for lectures, question-answer sessions and discussions. As a result of these, many people get interested in Islam and ask for literature. Many write to us asking information and literature. They are duly replied and supplied with literature.

Salams, Respects and requests for prayers.

MAHMUD TAHA Zb. ZUK
(Poland)

Social Structure of Islam

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Gist of a lecture delivered by Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad which has since been published in a book form.

Islam has not limited its teachings to the equality of the human beings, it has given guidelines for the basic human rights as well. God says in Sura Taahaa :

فقلنا يادم ان هذا عدو لك ولزوجك فلا
يخرجنكما من الجنة فتشقىٰ ان لك الا
تجوع فيها ولا تعرى و انك لا تظمؤا
فيها ولا تضحى

"Then We said O Adam, tnis is an enemy to thee, and to thy wife; so let him not drive you both out of the garden, lest thou come to grief, "It is provided for thee that thou wilt not hunger therein, nor wilt thou be naked. And that thou wilt not thirst therein, nor wilt thou be exposed to the sun." (Taahaa 118-120).

That shows that immediatley after the human race started on this planet, the basic rights were also outlined and this in fact was the earthly paradise from where the Satan tried to push Adam and his companions out and this struggle of his is still going on. The powers that first used to be known as Colonial Powers and now they have changed their name to be Super Powers create disorders in the under-developed countries so that they can maintain their supremacy. It is only the basic human rights referred to above that can remedy the situation. If this world had to be made a paradise, the basic human rights must be given to all the human beings without any distinction or discrimination, for, that and that alone can bring about universal equality and universal brotherhood. In the absence of that it would simply not be possible to avert disorder, class hatred and moral degradation. This also should be noted that it is the duty of the Government to grant the basic human rights to everybody. It should provide food to all according to their needs of development and physical constitution; 2) clothing for all the seasons and all the regions or areaa; 3) provide pure and clean water; 4) lodging for the fulfilment of the residential needs of all and sundry.

If all these needs are properly fulfilled and everybody has the opportunity to make the desired progress, there will be no signs of rancour or prejudice, hatred or anger against anyone. In the case of the availability

HAZRAT SAHIBZADA
MIRZA MUBARAK AHMAD
Vakil-i-Aala and Vakilut Tabshir

of all these things it simply would not be possible to accuse anyone, for, nobody can accuse others for his own lethargical attitudes.

A misunderstanding that is very prevalent about the communist countries is that, there, all the people have the same standard of living It is not true and those who have been to these counteies they know it full well. The people there are paid according to the work they do. As everybody knows China has even changed the slogan 'To each accoding to his needs' into 'To each according to his work'. 'Needs' have never been defined and still this slogan was very attractive to the unwary. The changed slogan of the Chinese is very much in conformity with the teachings of Islam, for, Islam provides opportunity for everybody to make as much of progress as one possibly can within the circle of his talents or capacities granted by God and then he has the right to enjoy the reward.

So far as the social structure of Islam is concerned it specifically points to the fact that all the Muslims are brothers one to another and that despite the fact that their fields of work are different. The work has to be done according to one's capacity. Whatever work different people might be doing all of them are brothers to one another. As for the allotment of the work, God says : you should hand over the trusts to those who are capable of holding them.

ان الله يامركم ان تؤدوا الامنت الى اهلها و اذا حكمتم بين الناس ان تحكموا بالعدل ان الله نعما يعظكم به ان الله سميعا بصيرا -

Verily, Allah commands you to make over the trust to those entitled to them, and that when you judge between men, you judge with justice. And surely excellent is that with which Allah admonishes you ! Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing)
(An-Nisa 59)

In other words it means that offices or the work should not be allotted to the people on the basis of their colour or race, riches or pedigrees ; the capabilities should be made the criterion. There are scores of incidents in the life of Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam where we find the practical aspect of this teaching through his own actions or his advice to others He appointed Zaid bin Harisa as the commander of the forces which included great Companions as well. It was because he found Zaid bin Harisa more suitable as a commander than others. After the demise of Hazrat Zaid, Usama, his son, was appoinied as the commander of the forces. On this occasion some people, through their lack of knowledge, opposed this appointment ; they wouldn't like the son of a slave to be appointed as their Officer in command. The Holy Prophet sallallaho-alaihi wa sallam expressed his annoyance and said, "You are objecting to the appointment of Usama and before this you objected to the appointment of Zaid. I swear by God that just as Zaid was more competent to be appointed as Amir, so also is his son, Usama, and I love him."

This shows that whosoever is more competent should be given the office and the responsibility. And if this principle is kept in mind, there would be no grumblings and no jealousies. It is left to the Government to discharge this duty, and if it really does so, the progress of

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FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

THE GUARDIAN, November 14, 1979.

Islamic case for immunity

Sir,—In the course of your leader ("Iran : the fractured society", November 7) you have been pleased to observe that "unfortunately for the American hostages, the phrase diplomatic immunity appears nowhere in the Koran".

I am sure it will interest you and your readers to learn that the Prophet of Islam upheld diplomatic immunity to an extreme degree.

On one occasion the emissary of a non-Muslim tribe, after observing for a few days in Medina the practice of Islam by the Prophet and the Muslims offered to embrace Islam and settle down in Medina. The Prophet told him that as he had arrived in Medina in the capacity of an emissary, it was incumbent upon him to return to his people and to report to them on his mission. Thereafter, if he truly believed in Islam, he could return to Medina in his private capacity.

In the matter of an enemy seeking asylum during war the Koran directs : "If any of the enemy should seek asylum with thee, grant him asylum so that he may hear the word of God ; then convey him to his place of security. That is because they lack knowledge" (9 : 6).

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The following news item has appeared in the American News-Magazine TIME, Jan. 28, 1980.

Indirectly it points to the increased responsibilities of the Ahmadiyya Missionaries. If others are leaving no stone unturned to take the people away from the door step of God, how can we spare any efforts to bring humanity back to its Creator. Let us try hard. God willing, victory is ours.

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Dial-An-Atheist

Thousands of Americans each day call Dial-A-Prayer in cities across the country for messages of spiritual uplift. Now, in Chicago, the other side is having its say. By dialing (312) 597-2433, hundreds of people every day last week heard this statement: "Atheism is a life philosophy which accepts the fact that there are no supernatural forces or entities. There are no gods, devils, angels, souls, heavens or hells."

The words were recorded and made available as public service and propaganda by Troy Soos, 22, who heads a group of aggressive unbelievers affiliated with Atheist Madalyn Murray O Hair. Like so many missionaries, Soos is not into soft sell or subtlety. He informs callers that the Bible is the ' Christians' fictitious novel." But many of the people who accept his offer to reply, on a recording device, are equally blunt. Several, have expressed regrets that atheists are no longer burned at the stake. One shouted: "Kill! Kill! Kill!"

But in the first six weeks of Dial-An-Atheist, Soos claims that his 25-member chapter has added 70 supporters' names to its mailing list. God willing, he hopes to add many more.

Time, January 28, 1980

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH—U.K.
24 February 1980

Now it's 'God the Parent'

By JOHN CAPON
Ecclesiastical Correspondent

The British Council of Churches is urging young people to address their prayers to "Parent God" instead of "Father God" and to confess to the sin of sexism.

In a book of prayers and hymns just published for the council one prayer about sexual equality includes the oftrepeated congregational response: "Parent God, glorify us—each of us made in your image." Among its petitions are the following:

Give us a vision of equality w ich transcends that of the human law-makers.

Free us from prejudice about the roles of the sexes.

Make us aware of what we have done when we deny another's potential by categorising that person in terms of sex.

Another prayer for parents and children begins. "Teach parents, Parent God. the art of allowing their grown-up children to live their own lives."

The book, entitled "Pocket Praise," is intended for use by young people in most of the main denominations in Britain and Ireland.

The British Council of Churches is preparing a controversial document on human sexuality which includes a background paper by a leading Christian feminist, Dr. Una Kroll, in which she argues that "the sexism of the liturgy is one of the cornerstones of patriarchal christianity."

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the world would be very smooth and without any let or hidrance.

The Holy Quran says:

و سخر لكم ما في السموت و ما في
الارض جميعا منه ان في ذلك لايت
لقوم يتفكرون ـ

And he has subjected to you whatsoever is in the heaves and whatsoever is in the earth: all this is from Him. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect. (Al-Jathiyah 14)

Also,

الم تروا ان الله سخر لكم ما في
السموات و ما في الارض و اسبغ
عليكم نعمه ظاهرة و باطنة و من
الناس من يجادل في الله بغير علم
و لا هدى و لا كتب منير ـ

Have you not seen that Allah has pressed for you into service whatever is in the earth, and has completed His favours on you. both externally and internally? And among men there are some who dispute concerning Allah without knowledge or guidance or an illumining Book.

That means that there are clear instructions in the Holy Quran that all the members of the society should be provided opportunity to develop their talents to the fullest extent and none should be deprived of this right of his.

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